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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien seen as front-runner to replace Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway

"Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien was seen as a front-runner among Gov. Rick Snyder's choices to replace Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway, who announced Monday that she is retiring amid a real estate scandal and FBI investigation."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Michigan Radio: Stateside: Changes in Court majority likely to follow Justice Hathaway's resignation

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Michigan Radio: Jack Lessenberry Commentary: Vacancy in the Court

[Full story](#)

Morning Sun: 3rd-place finisher could get new shot at high court

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The MiLW Blog: JTC's complaint against Hathaway: 'Pandering to the press'? C'mon, now

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Editorial: Hathaway's actions taint judicial system

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Michigan Justice Diane Hathaway likely to face criminal indictment

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WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Frank Beckmann talks to attorney Steve Fishman (10:43 minute podcast)

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WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Paul W. Smith talks to Brian Dailey of "The Law Show" (9:36 minute podcast)

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The Detroit News: Bolger re-elected House speaker as Legislature opens new session

"... Robert Young Jr., chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, administered the oath of office to House members and then gave brief remarks about the role of the judiciary to keep a check and balance on the legislative branch."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Bolger receives some bipartisan support as 110 new members of state House sworn in

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The Detroit News: Schuette to appeal court ruling OK'ing partner benefits for state workers

"The attorney general's office said Wednesday it will appeal a state Court of Appeals ruling affirming a Michigan Civil Service Commission policy that provides health care benefits to same-sex partners of state employees. The court, in a 2-1 split decision released Wednesday, determined it's within the commission's authority to implement the policy, which the court says does not violate equal protection or the Marriage Amendment."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan appeals court upholds benefits for same-sex partners of state employees

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Lansing State Journal: Michigan appeals court sides with state employees on same sex benefits

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MLive.com: Michigan appeals court upholds same-sex benefits for state employees

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Detroit Legal News: Judge Allen transfers from Criminal Division to Civil Division (second article)

"After nearly 10 years on the Wayne County Circuit Court, Judge David J. Allen has transferred from the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court Criminal Division to the Court's Civil Division. The transfer was effective Jan. 3.... He assumes the docket of the retiring Honorable Prentis Edwards."

[Full story](#)

Ludington Daily News: Obituary: Honorable Judge William W. Stapleton

"Honorable Judge William W. Stapleton dies at age 88. Former 85th District Court Judge William Walsh Stapleton, died on Friday Jan. 4 in Fremont. Stapleton served as District Court Judge in Manistee-Benzie for 14 years, from 1970 through 1984."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: State Supreme Court to hear arguments on reversal of Detroit shooting conviction

"The Michigan Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments Wednesday in the case of a Detroit man convicted in a 2010 drive-by shooting on Wyoming Street. The victim, Santonyo Brown, survived and identified the shooter as Rayfield Clary, who was charged with assault with intent to murder and tried twice."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Incumbent Oakland Circuit Court judges sworn in

"On Thursday, Dec. 13, during the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' meeting, Judge Denise Langford Morris, Judge Phyllis McMillen, Judge Wendy Potts, and Judge Michael Warren were sworn in to office for their next terms as judges of the Oakland County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Friend of the Court panel to meet Jan. 14

"The Oakland County Citizen Friend of the Court (FOC) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), established by Friend of the Court Act 294, 1982, Section 552.594, will meet Monday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at the Oakland

County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, Pernick Conference Room, at 1200 North Telegraph in Pontiac."

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